

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 356

By Finney R.

A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend Leadership Sevier
for laudable service to the people of this State.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable organizations that encourage success and effective leadership by their participants; and

WHEREAS, one such notable organization is Leadership Sevier, which positively influences Sevier County citizens by teaching effective leadership skills and providing networking opportunities; more than 600 Sevier County citizens have either graduated from, or are currently enrolled in, the exemplary program; and

WHEREAS, started in 1997, Leadership Sevier is divided into three programs each of which offer a year-long program of active participation; and

WHEREAS, the program Leadership Sevier caters to those outstanding established leaders of the county and focuses on community-based topics, including Government Issues, Great Smoky Mountain National Park, Law Enforcement and Emergency Services, the Economy and Tourism, Health Care and Human Services, Planned Development, Education, and Quality of Life; and

WHEREAS, based on Covey's *Seven Habits of Effective Leaders*, Leadership Tomorrow, which is geared toward emerging leaders, is designed to show how various community activities, programs, and businesses illustrate these seven habits; each member is required to complete a community service project; and

WHEREAS, Smoky Mountain Youth Leadership provides day-long activities once a month that focus on the needs of high school leaders, such as deciding on what college to attend and what career to choose, with an emphasis on living in Sevier County; the students complete a community service project in teams; and

WHEREAS, in forming each leadership class, the Board of Directors consciously selects its students from diverse backgrounds, which enables all participants to grow and develop their value to the greater Sevier County community; and

WHEREAS, ever adhering to its mission statement, Leadership Sevier's goals are to enhance leadership in Sevier County, develop a greater sense of community and a means of communicating among its leaders, and improve the quality of life for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Leadership Sevier has successfully provided a basis for the cities, the communities, and the county to work more effectively together; and

WHEREAS, Leadership Sevier is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State" and this worthy organization should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Leadership Sevier's Board of Directors for their laudable service to the people of Sevier County and this State, and thank Leadership Sevier's current members and graduates for striving to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.